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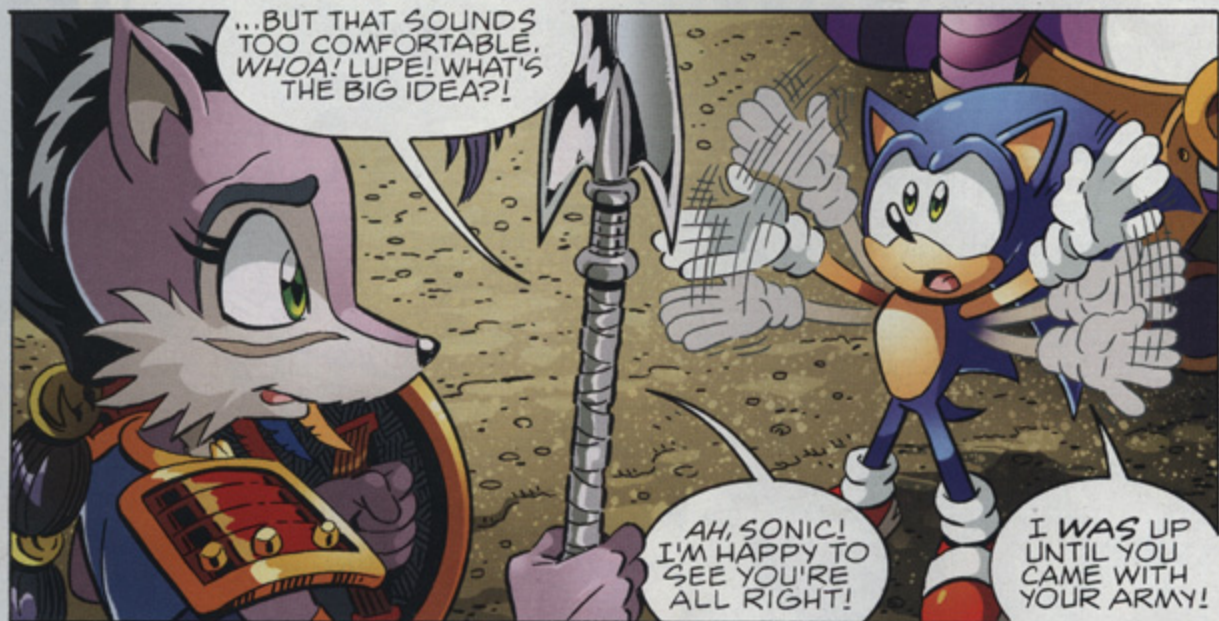
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SO YOU WERE DECOYS
ALL ALONG! **BOTH** OF
YOU WERE SPIES...

RETURN THE SACRED
ARTIFACT, AND NO ONE
HAS TO BE HURT TODAY.

WOULD
SOME-
BODY
TALK
SOME
SENSE
INTO HER?!

...FOR THE
WRETCHED
WOLVES!

WE
WERE
?

DROP THE
PRETENSE,
MONGREL!
YOU HAVE THE
ANCIENT ONYX!
YOU WILL
RETURN IT
TO US!

WE
HAVE TAKEN
NOTHING FROM
YOU THAT IS
NOT RIGHT-
FULLY
OURS.

YOU
CANNOT
RECLAIM
LANDS YOUR
FOREFATHERS
ABANDONED
HUNDREDS OF
YEARS AGO!

AND YOU
CANNOT
CLAIM
DOMINION
OF LAND
YOU DO NOT
OCCUPY,
USE, OR
NEED.

IT IS
NOT YOUR
POSITION
TO TELL
US HOW TO
CONDUCT OUR-
SELVES!

I REALLY
WISH SALLY
WAS HERE TO
DEFUSE THIS.

SHOULD I
GO FIND HER
FOR YOU?

"THAT'D BE A
BIG HELP. NO
PUN INTENDED."



WELL-
WELL-
WELL.

THE
OH-SO-HIGH-
AND-MIGHTY
PRINCESS
SALLY AT MY
MERCY, AND
WITH NO
PRECIOUS
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS
TO RESCUE
HER.

HOW'S IT FEEL
TO BE OUTSMARTED
BY DOC EGGMAN'S
BEST AND BRIGHTEST
GRANDMASTER?

OH, PLEASE.
YOU COULDN'T
FIND YOUR
OWN TAIL
WITHOUT...

...OH, NEVER MIND.
WHAT'S THE POINT IN
TAUNTING SUCH A
BRILLIANT TACTICIAN
?

HAHAHA!
THAT'S WHAT
I'M TALKIN'
ABOUT!

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SONIC UNIVERSE...**



**...TAKE IT
WITH YOU.**

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BUT, GEE, I
THOUGHT THE
DARK EGG
LEGION WAS
JUST
ECHIDNAS.

THINK
AGAIN, TOOTS.
DOC EGGMAN'S
BEEN
"LEGIONIZING"
FOLKS FOR
A WHILE
NOW.

HE JUST
STARTED MAKING
EVERYONE GO BY
THAT NAME WHEN
HE GOT THE DREAD-
HEADS. I GUESS IT
MAKES HIM HAPPY,
OR WHAT-
EVER.

OH, POO!

I SURE WISH
I KNEW WHAT
"LEGIONIZING"
MEANT.

SINCE HE CAN'T ROBOTICIZE FOLKS ANYMORE,
HE GIVES THEM CYBERNETICS INSTEAD.
THAT'S WHAT THE OLD DARK LEGION USED
TO DO, SO HE CALLS IT "LEGIONIZING."
SERIOUSLY,
KEEP UP!

CAN YOU BELIEVE
SHE'S SUPPOSED
TO BE THE BRAINS
OF THEIR GROUP?

SINCE YOU
KNOW SO MUCH,
CAN YOU TELL
ME WHO YOUR
FRIEND IS...

...AND
HOW YOU GOT
YOUR SHINY
NEW ARMS?

WHAT
ARE YOU...
DENSE?

LADY, AS YOU
SHOULD KNOW BY NOW, I
KNOW EVERYTHING.

"RAZORKLAW
HERE USED
TO BE A BIG-
SHOT
FELIDAE
WARRIOR.

"THEN HE GOT INTO A FIGHT
WITH SOME GUY NAMED
LOCKE AND GOT HIS BUTT
WHUPPED. *

*SEE THE
CLASSIC STH# 84.

"HE WAS DISGRACED AND
EXILED AND ALL THAT
JAZZ, SO HE HOOKED UP
WITH OTHERS WHO GOT
JERKED AROUND BY
THE SYSTEM.

"WHEN THE DOC CAME TO
TOWN, THEY WERE READY
TO JOIN HIM."

ME?

I GOT TIRED OF
CARRYING ALL THE
WEIGHT IN THE
DESTRUCTIX, SO
I WENT BACK TO
THE DOC FOR...

HEY! I LOOK OUT
FOR ME, AND
THAT'S WHY I'M
WHERE I AM
TODAY!

AS JUST
ANOTHER
LACKEY.

...A QUICK
PROMOTION.
WE'VE HAD OUR
ROUGH PATCHES,
BUT THE DOC
KNOWS A GOOD
DEAL WHEN
HE SEES
IT.

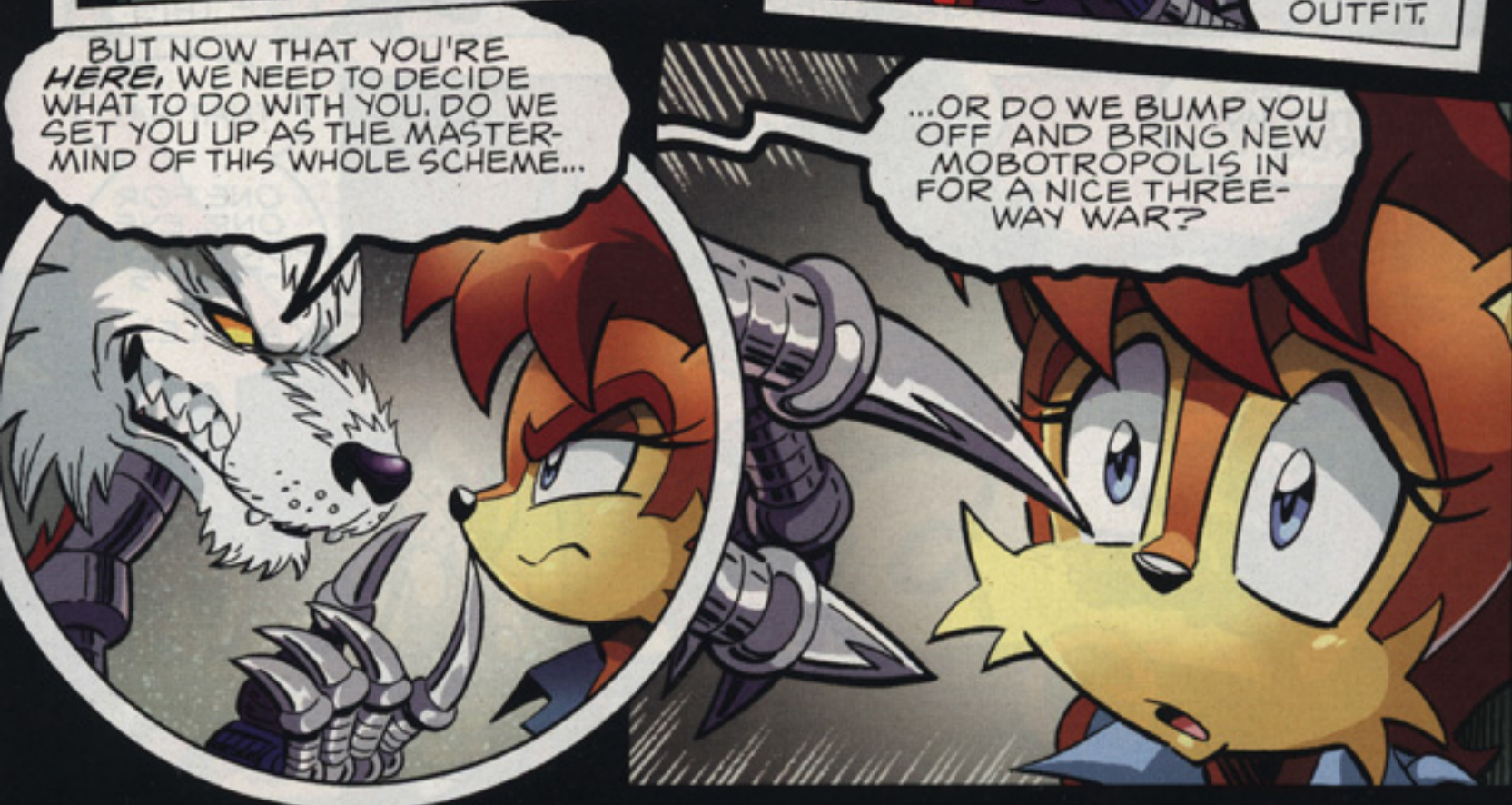
SURE.

HOW COULD HE PASS UP
SOMEONE WHO BETRAYED
HIS PACK, HIS HERITAGE,
HIS GIRLFRIEND AND JUST
ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE?

YOU'RE JUST
AS SCUMMY AS
ROBOTNIK.

I MEANT
THAT IN A
GOOD WAY!

I KNOW.
SHOWS HOW
SMART YOU ARE.



MEANWHILE ...



THINK,
MAN,
THINK!

WHAT
ARE YOU
MISSING
HERE?

WHAT DID SALLY SEE,
AND GO AFTER,
THAT YOU MISSED?

...AND THE
UNPROVOKED
ATTACKS UPON
MY PEOPLE!



UNPROVOKED
?!

WHEN WE
FIRST RESETTLED
HERE, *YOUR*
WARRIORS THREW
SPEARS BEFORE
ANY WORDS WERE...

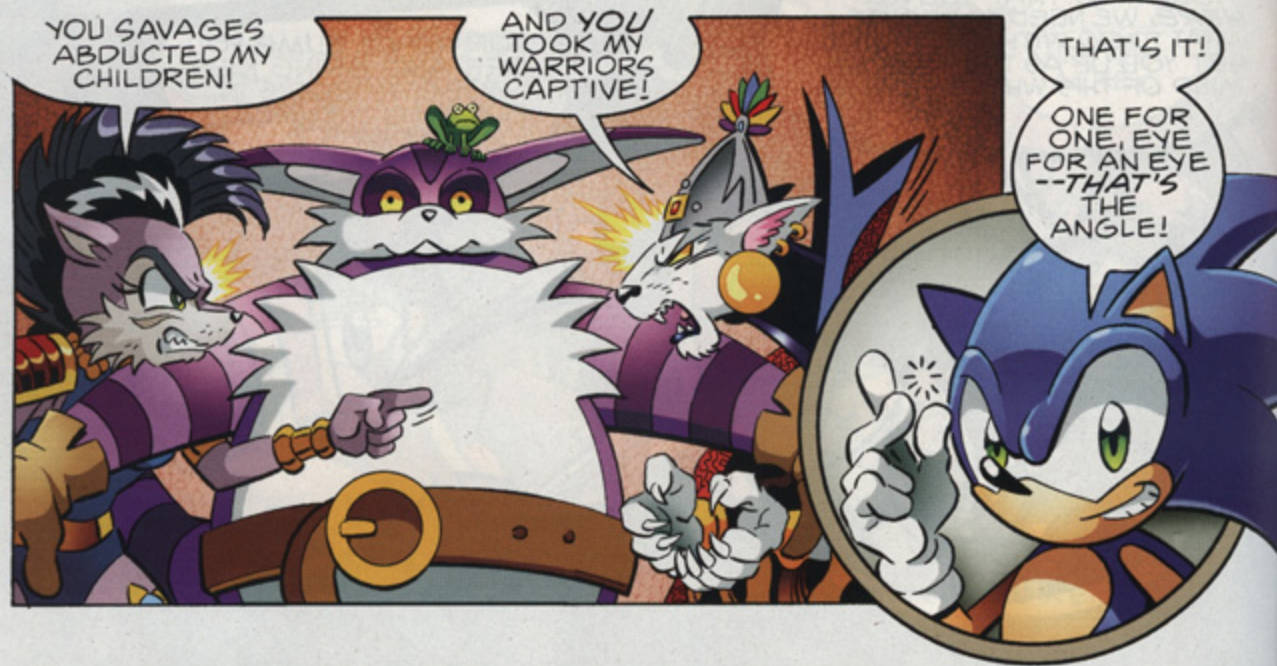


LOOK...
SONIC'S
FRIEND
OR NOT--

--MOVE.

SORRY.

SONIC
SAID TO
STAND
BETWEEN
YOU TWO
LIKE THIS.



YOU SAVAGES
ABDUCTED MY
CHILDREN!

AND YOU
TOOK MY
WARRIORS
CAPTIVE!

THAT'S IT!

ONE FOR
ONE, EYE
FOR AN EYE
--THAT'S
THE
ANGLE!

THE WAR FOR THE PLANET IS ON.
ENDGAME IS HERE.



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THANKS,
BUDDY.
TAKE
FIVE.

FIVE
WHAT
?

JUST
STEP
ASIDE.

OKAY.

OKAY, QUEENIE--IS
THERE ANY PLACE
NEITHER YOU NOR
THE WOLVES WOULD
EVER GO AROUND
HERE?

THE WRETCHED
ECHIDNA RUINS,
I SUPPOSE.
THEY ARE TABOO,
AND WE WILL
NOT PERMIT
THE MONGRELS TO
PASS THROUGH TO...

SUPER. LUPE! DID
YOU GUYS RUN INTO
ANY OF ROBOTNIK'S
ROBOTS WHILE
SETTLING DOWN
HERE?

SOME. BUT THOSE WE DIDN'T
DESTROY WERE CHASED INTO
THE PAIS MISTERIOSO AND
DEALT WITH BY THE FELIDAE.

AH-
HA!

LUPE, I
NEED YOU TO
TELL YOUR
GUYS TO
STAND DOWN
AND FOLLOW
ME ON THIS
ONE.

...VERY
WELL.
YOU'VE
EARNED
AT LEAST
THAT
MUCH.

THANKS.

AS FOR
YOU
GUYS...

DO YOU WEAR "SOCKS
OF THE AMBASSADOR"
AS WELL?

AS A
MATTER
OF FACT,
I DO.
FOLLOW
ME...

...AND I'LL
GET YOU YOUR
GEM BACK. AND
SINCE YOU DON'T
TRUST ME A BIT,
I'LL STAKE MY
LIFE ON THIS.

...VERY
WELL,
FOR
YOUR
LIFE.

"COOL. NOW--WHICH WAY TO THOSE RUINS?"

SO WHICH WILL IT BE? SCAPECOAT? MARTYR? DISGRACED? DECEASED? OH, I JUST CAN'T DECIDE!

HA
HAHA
HA!

THEN I
DECIDE
FOR
YOU.

NO, YOU IDIOT!
YOU'VE GOT TO TOY
WITH THEM AND BREAK
THEIR WILL FIRST!

YOU'RE
TERRIBLE
AT THIS
VILLAIN
THING.

Awwwooooo

NO
WAY!

THAT
SOUNDED
LIKE--!



WATCH.

HOLD HIM, CANUS!

YOU!
BUT
WHY?

HEH. YOU
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
DUMPED
ME, LEETA.

I'M
LYCO.

AND YOU
SHOULDN'T
HAVE TRIED
TO TWO-
TIME
TWIN.

...THERE WERE MANY
UNACCOUNTED FOR
AFTER THE MASS
DEROBOTICIZATION.
EVEN AFTER WE HAD
SETTLED, SOME HAD
GONE MISSING.

I HAD BLAMED
THE DOCTOR OR
THE FELIDAE,
BUT...

SORRY TO BE
THE BEARER
OF BAD NEWS,
LUPE.

AMUSING AS IT IS TO
HAVE THE WOLVES
PROVEN TREACHEROUS,
IT DOES NOT JUSTIFY
BRINGING THEM TO
THESE CURSED
GROUNDS.

YOU JUST
DON'T GET
IT, DO YOU?
TAKE A LOOK
AT *THIS*, YOUR
MAJESTY.



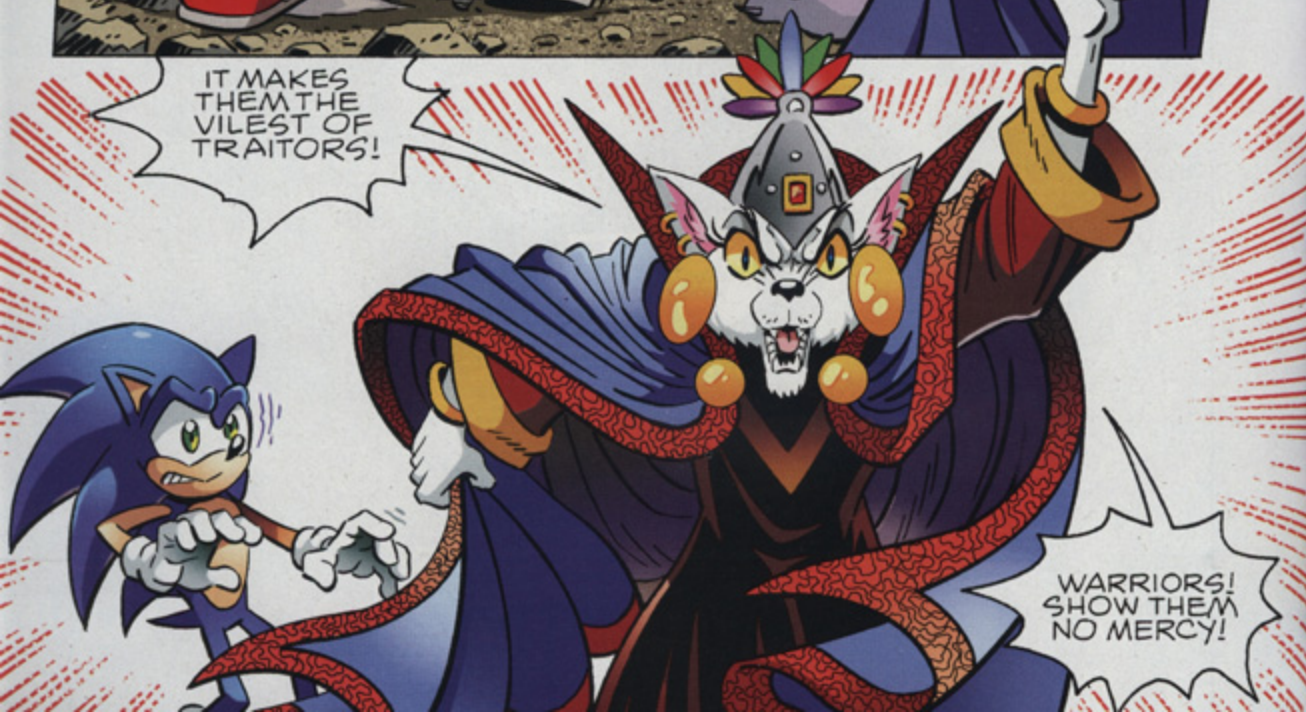
SO
EXPLAIN
THIS TO ME--
IN YOUR
CULTURE,
WHAT YOU
WEAR MAKES
YOU WHO
YOU ARE,
RIGHT?



SO WHAT
DO THOSE
ROBES
MAKE
THEM?



IT MAKES
THEM THE
VILEST OF
TRAITORS!



WARRIORS!
SHOW THEM
NO MERCY!



OKAY,
NEW PLAN--
WE KILL HER
LIKE YOU
SAID.

YAY!

I FOUND
THE
PRINCESS
AND THE
GEM!

I DID
GOOD!



!?



GET
AWAY FROM
THERE,
YOU!



BIG!

HIT
HIM!



WHOP!

WHAM!

OKAY.



NEXT TIME YOU
MAKE A BRILLIANT
DEDUCTION, CLUE
ME IN. IT TOOK ME
A WHILE TO PUT
THE PIECES
TOGETHER.

THANKS
FOR SAVING
THE DAY
AGAIN.

BUT
YOU DID...

...AND YOU
BROUGHT THE WOLF
PACK NATION...

...AND THE
FELIDAE
TOGETHER...

...FOR
A TIMELY
RESCUE.

WE'RE NOT
DONE JUST
YET... BUT
YOU'RE
WELCOME.

RIBBIT!

I
HELPED

THAT
YOU DID,
BIG. THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH.

YAY.

TEK



GRAND-MASTER DRAGO!

WE'RE IN TROUBLE, GRAND-MASTER! WHAT DO WE DO?



VREET

VREET VREET



ERGH!
STRATEGIC RETREAT. FALL BACK TO THE SECRET BUNKER!

GOOD IDEA, SIR!

I'M GLAD HE'S IN CHARGE!

AFTER THEM!

WAIT, LOBO!



HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND, REYNARD? WHY NOT?!



"BECAUSE THE GRAND CHIEF SAYS SO."



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LEGION HAS BEEN
ROUTED...



... BUT NOT
DEFEATED.
WHY DO YOU
MAKE US LET
THEM GO?

WE CAME WITH A SMALL STRIKE FORCE.
LOBO, WE AREN'T PREPARED FOR WAR.
WE HAVE BROKEN THEIR HOLD ON THIS
PLACE AND STRUCK FEAR INTO THEIR HEARTS.
THAT IS ENOUGH FOR TODAY.



LIKE-
WISE.

BUT YOU **ARE** IN THE
HEART OF OUR TERRITORY.
PERHAPS THERE IS STILL
A BATTLE TO BE FOUGHT.



NO, THERE'S
BEEN MORE
THAN ENOUGH
VIOLENCE
TODAY.

THIS IS
WHAT YOU'RE
ALL HERE
FOR ANYWAY,
ISN'T IT?

THE
ANCIENT
ONYX!



THIS GEM IS MORE THAN YOUR ANCESTRAL RELIC. IT IS A SYMBOL OF PRECISELY WHAT'S HAPPENED TODAY.

WITH THIS ONE ARTIFACT, YOUR TWO NATIONS WERE NEARLY PITCHED INTO WAR.

WATCH THIS, SHE'S GOOD AT THIS SORT OF THING.

YOU WOULD'VE BEEN DESTROYING EACH OTHER WHILE YOUR REAL ENEMY WAITED IN THE SHADOWS TO ATTACK WHEN YOU WERE BOTH WEAK.

YOUR ENEMY SAW THE DIVISION BETWEEN YOU AND CAPITALIZED ON IT. THEY CAME TOGETHER AND BECAME STRONGER THAN EITHER OF YOUR NATIONS COULD HOPE TO BE ALONE.

BUT HERE TODAY, YOU CHOSE TO COME TOGETHER YOURSELVES.

BY SETTING ASIDE YOUR DIFFERENCES, YOU BECAME THE MIGHTIER POWER AND NOT ONLY STOPPED THE LEGION, BUT THE AMBITIONS OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE.



HERE'S
WHAT I
PROPOSE...

LET THE GEM
CONTINUE TO REST
HERE, OUT OF
BOTH YOUR
HANDS. THE
FELIDAE WILL
LET IT REST
SINCE THIS LAND
IS TABOO, AND
THE WOLF PACK
NATION CAN
RETRIEVE IT FOR
EITHER GROUP
WITH SUPER-
VISION.

LET IT BE
SHARED, AND
WHEN NOT IN
USE, HELD BY
NO ONE AT
ALL.



TOO MUCH
HAS PASSED
BETWEEN OUR
PEOPLES IN TOO
SHORT A TIME TO
RECONCILE IT ALL
WITH ONE
GESTURE.

AGREED.

BUT
IT IS A
START.

IT IS, AT
THAT.



AND
THAT'S
HOW
IT'S
DONE.

RIBBIT.

WOW.

THAT NIGHT...

AS IT WAS DONE GENERATIONS AGO...

...WE INDUCT THOSE WHO HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES TO BE BRAVE, SELFLESS, AND TRULY BELONGING AMONG OUR PEOPLE.

TONIGHT WE WELCOME SONIC, SALLY...

...AND BIG INTO THE WOLF PACK NATION, EQUAL BROTHERS AND SISTER ALL.

WITH THE BLESSING OF THE ANCIENT ONYX, WE RAISE OUR VOICES TO THE STARS, SO THAT THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO HAVE LEFT THIS WORLD...

...KNOW THAT THERE ARE THREE MORE AMONG US!

A Woooooo

HOORAAAY!

SONIC...

THAT LOOKS LIKE A CHAOS EMERALD. AND GIVEN HOW IMPORTANT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE...

"YOU CAN FEEL THEIR POWER. I DON'T FEEL IT HERE."

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT THING IS..."

YEAH, BUT THERE'RE ONLY SEVEN EMERALDS NOW.

I KNOW CHAOS EMERALDS.

"...BUT IT'S NOT A CHAOS EMERALD."

MEANWHILE, IN NEW MOBOTROPOLIS...

...WHICH MEANS ARTICLE R NOW CONTRADICTS ARTICLE D.

WHERE?



SUB-SECTION B, PARAGRAPH FIVE.

OH, FOR PITY'S SAKE.

CAN'T WE JUST OVERTHROW OURSELVES AND LEAVE THIS TO ELIAS?

NO.

BESIDES...

...YOU'RE GOOD AT PUTTING THINGS BACK TOGETHER.

MACHINES, SURE. I COULD BUILD YOU A VEHICLE OUT OF SPARE PARTS, BUT REVISING THE COUNTRY'S CONSTITUTION IS A NIGHTMARE.

IT'D GO FASTER IF HAMLIN WERE HERE. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE HIM TO RUN HOME AND...

ROTOR!

ABOUT TIME. DID YOU BRING YOUR NOTES?

NEVER MIND THAT FOR A MINUTE! I JUST GOT WORD FROM THE ARCTIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

IT'S YOUR HERD!

THE DARKEGG LEGION HAS THEM!



HURRY HOME, SONIC! ROTOR'S FAMILY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

WILL ROTOR SIT THIS ONE OUT? AND HOW DOES SILVER THE HEDGEHOG FIT IN ALL THIS?

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Dear Sonic Grams,
I love the Sonic Archives, I have every one of them - even all the SONIC SELECT graphic novels!

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I've seen a lot of the Chaotix in both series, but none of the members have had solo stories (except Knuckles). I would really like to see a Charmy Bee solo story!

Olivia R.
from Massachusetts

The KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA series from the 90s had solo adventures for Charmy, Mighty, Espio and Julie-Su! Looks like you'll need a KNUCKLES ARCHIVES series to get you all caught up, eh? "ahem"

Dear Sonic Grams,
I want to know why you aren't making Sonic the Hedgehog comics anymore! I really liked them! Sonic is my favorite character! I would really like it if you made some more.

Stephanie C.
from Illinois

Reports of our demise have been greatly exaggerated! If for some reason a retailer tells you the Sonic book is not available, you can always head to ArchieComics.com for subscription info!

Dear Sonic Grams,
Just writing to clarify something; In Sonic #192, Elias says that

the Acorn council voted that Sonic would lead the attack on Moebius, but in Sonic #197 Sally says that she created the specifics of Sonic's punishment. Could you explain?

Surely! Elias instructs Sonic that the council had voted for Sonic to take the lead in "the next big mission" - which was revealed in #197 to be a further push to invade Eggman's territories. So when Sally sent Sonic to Moebius instead, she technically went against the Council's vote.

Also, I started reading at #209 but got caught up from issues that were in my local library. The only one I'm missing is #208 - what happened in that issue?

Don't tell me you missed part one of "IRON DOMINION"! Regina had finally made her play for New Mobotropolis' defenses and invaded the city! It was aaawwwesome!

One more question - can I get more back issues online?

You better believe it!

I would like to say that I am your #8 fan behind the Brides of the Four Houses and Amber.

Your #8 Fan,
Tyler V.
from New Mexico

Thanks Tyler! Tyler is referring to Sonic Grams from issue

#212! You guys and gals better claim your Sonic fan # order now, before they're all taken up!

Dear Sonic Grams,
I enjoy the Sonic comics and have just gotten into them. Is the artwork done in Mamaroneck?

The Sonic team is scattered from coast to coast, but we here at the Archie offices in Mamaroneck, NY are graced once a week with the presence of Jammin' Jamal Peppers, who works his magic before our very eyes! I think that Ian Flynn is a great writer.

Great? Try the best!
I would like to say that Tracy Yardley and Steven Butler are fantastic - I am an artist myself currently getting into drawing in a Manga style. Well, enough for now, again I really love your comic.

Robert H.
from Connecticut

Thanks Robert! Steven and Tracy are indeed supreme in their penciling productions!

MESSAGE BOARD POST OF THE MONTH:

"Big the Stately Recounter of Truth! Today has been a very good day so far."

Posted by jcfreak16 on the BUMBLEKING forums.

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